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SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'm going to oppose Senator Kremer's motion, for two reasons. First, I've had a bill on General File which has been on the noncontraversial list for a month. It has got further and further down the list, and now it is below all the underlined bills because of the rearrangement of those bills last week. Now this bill would take five minutes, if you would give me the chance to take it up. It should have been taken up a long ago, but I thought, well we would get to it because the most that's ever been done in the last month is four or five bills. But we continually move bills ahead of them, and so it goes further and further down the list. Also, last week, you passed LB785, which was give the merit system to the judges. You took that out of order. It's not even needed for two more years. So we are not taking what is priority in what should be taken in it's order. That's the first reason I'm going to object. The second reason that I object is that the Helmet bill has been before this Legislature and has failed on previous attempts. And I don't think that we should take it up. Thirdly, 1051 I'm opposed to that bill, and I'm not going to take any bills out of order. Vote for any suspension of the rules, until you take up some of the bills that I've had in order.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I'm not going to dwell on the sub ject too long, but as chairman of the committee. The responsible situation in this highway safety act would be to get a bill out of our committee as near and agreeable to the people in the state of Nebraska, and also certainly to our committee. LB1051 as we were told must be passed this year, and ifyou listen to Senator Maruice Kremer's letter, there were no if's, ands, or buts. It said these bills shall be passed. They must be passed this year, and the sum considered by the taxpayers in the state of Nebraska is approximately seven million dollars. Now I agree with the most of you that we should challenge the federal people. We ought to get Uncle Sam out of the bushes and found out what he is trying to do to us. We should be able to make up our own laws. But under these circumstances, I think 1051, and I do feel that we'll satisfy the people outstate. I've taken the bill out and we have had some meetings, we must keep the control under the volunteers and as they now were in the ambulance service. And I'm hoping that we will pass 1051, because our committee spent a lot of time in getting it down where the people can work with it outstate and also in the cities. So I would urge that we do pass 1051. It's our responsible position as elected officials to do this to protect our state of Nebraska taxpayers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chair not only do I object to taking this up. I opposed 1051 in committee. I vehemently oppose it here on the floor. And let me tell you of two or three conversations that I had with the officials in Washington. And listen carefully. I called a man in the Department of Transportation after calling Hruska, Curtis, McCallister and others, expressing my objection to bringing in...to bringing in a bill which everybody admitted was absolutely unnecessary. And so I said to the guy in the Department of Transportation. I said,